

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

December 11th, 2016

“Deliver me in thy RIGHTEOUSNESS,
and cause me to escape:
incline thine ear unto me,
and save me.”

PSALM 71:2

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Happy Birthday!

Christy Boseman — December 13th

This evening's featured podcast speaker will be PASTOR DAVID EDDMONSON

MATTHEW 16:13-18 — UPON THIS ROCK *

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*** Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM**

Open House at the Parsonage

December 14th (after Wednesday Worship service)

AN ABLE SAVIOR

"...HE IS ABLE ALSO TO SAVE THEM TO THE UTMOST THAT COME UNTO GOD BY HIM, SEEING HE EVER LIVETH TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR THEM." (HEBREWS 7:25)

It is good for believers to remember where they were when GOD saved them and what they are by nature. The HOLY SPIRIT put these words in the Book of Inspiration as a fact to be remembered — "*The witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul*" (ACTS 7:58). They are words which were meant to keep Paul humble; and they always did. He never forgot what happened at Jerusalem that day (ACTS 22:19-20; 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17).

We must never forget where we were when grace found us (ISAIAH 51:1). We must never forget what we were and are by nature. We must never forget what GOD has saved us from (EPHESIANS 2:1-4), and what he has done for us in CHRIST (1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11; 1 JOHN 3:1-3). Such a memory will make us grateful. He loves much who is forgiven much (LUKE 7:36-50). Such grateful remembrance will make the gospel of GOD's distinguishing grace precious. All who

have been saved acknowledge that *"By the grace of God I am what I am"* (1 CORINTHIANS 15:10). Thank GOD for electing love, redeeming blood, regenerating grace, and preserving power! Grace alone makes us to differ from those who are damned (1 CORINTHIANS 4:7; ROMANS 9:16). This gives us hope for others too. He who saved Saul of Tarsus can save me. He who saved me can save you. He who saved us can save anyone. His blood is sufficient! His grace is sufficient! His power is sufficient! JESUS CHRIST is an able Savior! (HEBREWS 7:25) PASTOR **DON FORTNER**

"The more we look at CHRIST crucified, the more we will mourn for sin. Look at the cross until all that is on the cross is in your heart. He who was pierced is your GOD, your Maker, your Benefactor, and best Friend." (ISAIAH 26:3, JOHN 15:1-17) PASTOR **JACK SHANKS**

ONE THING IS NEEDFUL

"BUT ONE THING IS NEEDFUL: AND MARY HATH CHOSEN THAT GOOD PART, WHICH SHALL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER" (LUKE 10:42)

A couple weeks ago a young couple stopped by the church who was moving to the area and asked some questions about the church. The first thing they asked me was *"what do you have for the kids."* I have been asked this many times so I was somewhat prepared to answer them. I told them we had something for the children and adults alike that most churches did not offer. That sparked their attention as they waited inquisitively for my answer. I told them that what we had for those who attended here was the Truth of the Gospel. I told them that we had Sunday School classes for the children and the adults that told the truth about GOD concerning JESUS CHRIST. I went on to say, not every church tells the truth about GOD, CHRIST and sinners. I explained that we concentrated all our efforts on telling people the truth concerning JESUS CHRIST. I said we did not have passion plays, Christmas programs or softball teams. We have the truth. **The one thing that is needful.**

We have chosen to teach the good part, which can never be taken away from you or your children. CHRIST JESUS and Him crucified. This is the one thing needful for sinners. I need not say that I have not seen or heard from them since. I may not have told them what they wanted to hear, but I do feel as though I told them what they needed to hear.

PASTOR **DAVID EDDMONSON**

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

“...WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED? AND JESUS LOOKING UPON THEM SAITH, WITH MEN IT IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT NOT WITH GOD: FOR WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.”

The message of the Gospel

GOD's people, believing sinners, are in CHRIST before the FATHER; holy, unblameable, and unproveable *“in HIS sight”*. (COLOSSIANS 1:22)

The disciples asked this question *“...who is able to be saved?”* Our LORD answered *“With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.”* (MARK 10:26-27)

Only in CHRIST can sinful men be found holy, unblameable, and unproveable in HIS sight. Look to CHRIST to be saved; the author and finisher of our faith, indeed all our salvation. (HEBREWS 12:2)

The minister of the Gospel

The minister of the Gospel can say with Paul, I am made a minister. He's not self made, he's not man made, he's GOD made. Well, that begs the question; how can you know that a minister is GOD made, indeed GOD sent? They fulfill the word of GOD: how is that? They preach the word of truth. In a word they preach CHRIST: what does that mean? Our LORD said *“He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.”*

Beloved, GOD's minister does not shun (reject) to declare unto you all the counsel of GOD. A so called minister that declares CHRIST died for the sins of everyone, neither honors the Son nor the Father; and shuns declaring the Gospel of CHRIST's own words, *“...this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I SHOULD LOSE NOTHING...”* (JOHN 6:39)

The miracle of the Gospel

Friend, let me tell you plainly, GOD is 100% sovereign and you are 100% responsible for your sins. If you neglect such a great salvation, indeed such a great saviour, and end up in the Lake of Fire: The blame will be entirely yours and you'll perish along with your wicked thoughts; wicked thoughts of being reconciled to GOD through your person and works and not through the blessed person and the finished saving work of CHRIST. How fearful it will be for those that neglect such a great salvation! (HEBREWS 2:3)

Repent sinner and believe CHRIST. It is the desire of every believer, it is my desire, if GOD be pleased, according to the good pleasure of His will, that you be made to know you are made perfect by the righteousness of CHRIST for ever. (ISAIAH 32:17)

I pray that our sovereign GOD would be pleased to use the gospel of His dear SON to show you the miracle of the Gospel. Beloved, you are perfect in CHRIST JESUS, to the honour and praise of His name. Amen. (COLOSSIANS 2:10)

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